

WAVES



President's Message: Preserve and nurture our community

We are now enjoying the change of seasons on Lake Rabun! While we have just begun to enjoy the brilliant leaf color and the first of many roaring fires, it's already time to start planning for the coming year. And, your officers and trustees are doing just that. Work is well under way on our slate of traditional summer activities and perhaps a new idea or two. You will find a schedule for many of those activities in this newsletter. Our lake community is so special because it is just that – a community. This coming year I encourage all of you to take a renewed interest in preserving and nurturing that community. Be it through acts of friendship, a continued focus on safety in all respects, or volunteerism – there are ways for all of us to make a positive impact here on Lake

Rabun. It's clear from the recent member survey that a growing number of us are either making our full-time homes on the lake or planning to do so at some point in the future and, that about half of our non-resident members spend over 30 days per year on the lake. So, our collective attention to maintaining and improving all that we enjoy here is more important than ever.

There are numerous ways to be involved in supporting our Association's activities. If you are interested in exploring opportunities just drop me a line at ronhinson@bellsouth.net.

Have a wonderful fall and coming holiday season!

Ron Hinson, *President*
Lake Rabun Association

Pavilion Upgrades Completed

This summer saw significant increased use of the LRA Pavilion. Literally every weekend had activities – either private functions, including weddings and receptions – or LRA official functions. Our new reservation coordinating team from the Barn Inn is doing an excellent job with reservations, and the facility continues to deliver enormous benefits back to our greater community.

Two specific improvements this year should be noted. First, the addition of our LRA legacy photograph wall in the downstairs Pavilion Room, designed and fabricated courtesy of Tommy Lines and his printing company (www.imagers.com). We hope to fill the remaining space in with additional old lake photographs (pre-1970), so

please direct those to the attention of either Tom Lines (tsl@imagers.com) or Bob Voyles (bvoyles@sevenoakscompany.com).

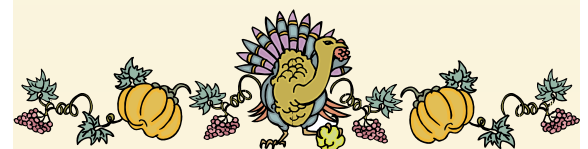
In addition, the much anticipated paving work was completed on the lower terrace area to correct the potentially dangerous and uneven rock area, and the driveway down to the Marina and Hall's. Mark Erbesfield, a recent new lake resident and President of Paver Stone Construction, supervised the installation of the pavers, and contributed a portion of the cost. Thanks to both Mark and Tommy for their contributions! The Pavilion continues to improve both aesthetically and functionally.

Please come and see the new improvements at the Pavilion events this fall!



Day after Thanksgiving "Pot Luck" Dinner

Join us as we wind up the 2009 slate of LRA activities with our annual Thanksgiving "Pot Luck" dinner. What could be better than joining lake family and friends for a day after Thanksgiving celebration at the Pavilion. Bring your family, friends and leftovers and your choice of beverage. The fun starts at 5:30 pm on Friday, November 27. The heaters will be on and, for the most spirited, a roaring fire going upstairs.



Nan Troutman: A year in review



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How fast a year goes! It is hard to imagine that my presidency of the Lake Rabun Association is complete. What a great experience to be president of such an outstanding organization that gives so much to its members and to the local community.

As I recap the year, I would like to recognize Warner Veal, Felicia Lease, and Clay Battle for all of their work on the Lake Rabun Directory. This is a mammoth undertaking and these three individuals worked to make the directory as thorough and current as possible. I would also like to thank Libby Mathews for overseeing the artistic contributions to the directory honoring Lamar Alley. Dorothy King wrote a beautiful memoir about Lamar and what he means to Lakemont and Lake Rabun. Thank you to all of the artists who contributed to the production of this gorgeous book.

John King has taken our website and the on-line directory to another level this year. I appreciate the numerous hours devoted to creating an instrument that will greatly benefit us all. John also deserves recognition in initiating our Lakemont University Programs. These informative programs were enjoyed by members young and old this past summer. He has already lined up some wonderful programs for next summer...stay tuned!!

Volunteerism continued with the work performed by Craig Kettles and James Jernigan in compiling a survey for our membership. The information gleaned from this survey will be used by our officers and trustees as we plan future LRA events.

Bob Pledger kindly agreed to chair the Lake Rabun Association Hemlock Program, educating our members on how to treat

our majestic hemlocks and to preserve their presence in our lake environment.

Ron Hinson did a fantastic job planning all of our summer activities—great fun for all ages participating in many different types of activities. Thank you, Ron!

I would like to thank Buz Stone for continuing to chair the Lake Rabun Foundation. Through the Foundation our membership has awarded over 75 scholarships to Rabun County students and contributed over \$300,000 to local community organizations. To help continue this work, the third annual Rabun Ramble, organized and directed by Sandy O'Brien and enjoyed by 650 runners, brought in \$13,000 for the Foundation.

Likewise, the LRA flea market was very successful, raising \$50,000 for the Foundation. Thanks go to Jeanne Cowan, Kelly Cowan and Laura Rhodes for organizing the flea market. The flea market was followed that evening with appetizers and cocktails and the much anticipated live auction. Thank you to Ann Veal for coordinating the cocktail party! It was great fun mingling with friends, enjoying wonderful food, and bidding for great items in which the proceeds benefited both the Lakemont-Wiley Volunteer Fire Department and the Foundation.

It has been a privilege to serve as your LRA president this past year. It has been an honor working with such a giving, talented, and dedicated membership. As Winston Churchill stated, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Have a wonderful fall and holiday season,
Nan Troutman
Outgoing President of the LRA

Whippoorwill Award goes to Felicia Lease

Every Labor Day meeting our members wait in anticipation for Roses Longino to bestow the Whippoorwill Award. The person who receives this award exemplifies the word "volunteer." The award this year went to Felicia Lease. Felicia is the behind-the-scenes giver and giver and giver. She worked single-handedly for years running the LRA membership duties including sending out the membership forms to new and current members, handling all of the incoming dues, and making deposits. She has worked in close cooperation with the person compiling the directory to make sure that it is comprehensive. She also is the LRA mail handler at our Post Office Box. And, when there is a fundraiser or any special event Felicia is the lead treasurer. In other words, Felicia has been an invaluable volunteer for the LRA for many years. Thank you, Felicia, on an award well deserved.



Flea Market Recap

The 2009 Flea Market brought in over \$50,000! With countless volunteer hours from our lake community, donations of artwork, antiques, household items and many gift certificates from local merchants, we were able to have a fun and successful fundraiser to support our Lake Rabun Foundation and the Lakemont-Wiley Volunteer Fire Department. This year's theme was "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall" with many interesting and creative mirrors donated by talented lake folks. We kicked off the weekend with the Flea Market and Silent Auction items on Saturday, June 20th during the day and was followed that evening with appetizers, cocktails and a live auction. The live auction consisted of artwork, vacation homes, and sports packages up for bid. Many thanks go out to each and everyone who helped with this huge undertaking. We look forward to the 2011 Flea Market with some exciting new changes!



Fred Stewart Shangri-La Award

At the Lake Rabun Association's annual Labor Day meeting, the Fred Stewart Award was bestowed for only the second time since its inception. This award is given periodically, as appropriate, to recognize individuals who have performed extraordinary and selfless acts to benefit and protect the well being of the members of the Lake Rabun Community. The award went to the Bill Davis Family for their valiant and courageous rescue of a family whose boat capsized after the fireworks on July 4th. Their quick thinking and actions prevented an accident from becoming a tragedy. Thank you to Bill Davis and his family for their heroic acts on that evening. All are immensely grateful.

LRA Foundation Wine Tasting



Ever wish you'd attended an event, didn't and then kicked yourself for missing it? This year's LRA Foundation benefit wine tasting at Tiger Mountain Winery qualifies. Pair a wonderful cause, excellent food, wine, perfect weather, with great people and you have the makings of a memorable day – a day that is all about doing good by having fun.

With Tiger Mountain Winery celebrating its 10th anniversary, and LRA celebrating its 9th wine tasting hosted by Tiger Mountain, something unique was in order. The word went out – come dressed in your most original wine-drinking hat. The folks responded, with over 80 folks in attendance.

Hat judging proved to be both fun and challenging. Denny Webb won "best overall" with what can best be described as a redneck version of an *automatic straw-fed wine-drinking elephant hat special*; Buz Stone's hat was so original we created a special category called "*creatively delightful*" – no one else thought to cut a Tiger Mountain wine bottle in half and attach to the head. Both prize-winners took home a fabulous prize basket, courtesy of "Goats On The Roof." During the evening, drawings for ten bottles of classic Tiger Mountain wine served to keep the crowd engaged and interested.

All proceeds benefit the LRA Foundation and this year we netted a record \$1260. Thanks to all those who gave of their time and resources to make the day a success, including our Tiger Mountain hosts, John and Martha Ezzard, who provided food, wine, and atmosphere, all at no charge.

Make a mental note and commit now to attend next year's event – we promise it shall be bigger, better, and even more interesting than those that went before. We celebrate a great cause by having fun, an unbeatable combination!

Alan and Marlee Price, *Event Chairs*



Fire Protection Ratings Set

Interested in knowing the fire protection rating for your house? Ratings – 1 to 10 with 10 being worst – can be obtained from the Rabun County Fire Department.

Simply email
rabuncountyfire@gmail.com
and request the rating for
your 911 address.





July 4th Celebrated "Lake Rabun Style"

The July 4th weekend captured the true spirit and community of Lake Rabun! Over 500 folks joined in for a Dillard House BBQ and bluegrass music by the Foxfire Boys on Friday night at our social hub – the Pavilion.

Next, bright and early Saturday morning saw the running of the 3rd Annual Rabun Ramble Road Race. This event, headed by Sandy and Miles O'Brien, has quickly become a classic part of our July 4th activities. Over 650 participants resulted in \$13,000 being raised for the LRA Foundation.

Of course, it's not the 4th without fireworks, and boy did we have fireworks! Hundreds watched from boats and docks around the earthen dike as we celebrated our nation's birth. We would be remiss here not to remind everyone about the importance of boating safety, especially as boats return from the fireworks. A tragedy was averted this past summer and we *all* need to learn from that experience.

The grand finale of a great weekend was the 30th Annual Lake Rabun Wooden Boat Regatta. Some of our finest boats participated and, in recognition of the 30th anniversary, each boat owner received a special Lake Rabun Burgee designed by Bob Voyles. The burgee is quickly becoming a lake symbol and will certainly be appearing on many items in the future.

Thanks to all who helped make the July 4th weekend a great time!



911 Boat House Signs

Boat house signs with the 911 address are now available through Michael Crowe (706-782-4438 or beargap@windstream.net). Having your 911 address displayed on your boat house is critical to timely response by the Fire Department and DNR. The wood signs are \$50 installed and are color matched to the boat house. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Lakemont-Wiley Volunteer Fire Department.

Rebuilding Our Foundation

Our Lake Rabun Foundation fundraising campaign, which started on Memorial Day, has raised \$49,280 through October 1. If you participated — THANK YOU! Your gift is acknowledged on the LRA website www.LakeRabun.org.

Two of our LRA members, Rich and Angela Clay, donated \$10,000 and will have one of the LRA college scholarships named after them for the next five years. You may want to consider doing the same or naming a scholarship as a memorial to a family member who loved the lake. There is still time before the 2010 scholarship recipients are selected.

Please remember the Foundation when planning your charitable bequests in your estate plan and as part of your year-end charitable giving. We have been doing this for over 22 years and plan to keep on giving to the Rabun community as long as there are folks like you who love “Lakemont” and who want to help your neighbors in the community.

If you have not participated in our rebuilding campaign there is still time. Donations should be made payable to:

NGCF - Lake Rabun Fund
and mailed to

Lake Rabun Association
P.O. Box 490
Lakemont, GA 30552

The Foundation Annual Financial Report for 2009 is also posted on the LRA website.

Buz Stone, *Director*

Bingo

Bingo was a great success this summer! The crowds for three nights were great and continued to grow. Our goal is to create an atmosphere for the young folks and adults alike to come together for fellowship and fun while raising a little money for the Lake Rabun Foundation! We had lots of interest and hope to continue this fun event with your support. Who could ever forget “Chubby Chihuahua” or the Trivia? Or, the pocket lint? And, the prizes were great too – the grab bag, Louie’s Pizza, Hall’s candy bag, and lots more!

Thank you to Andrew Moore for his awesome efforts and dedication to help Bill and me. We could not have done it without his help and the gracious help of Mike Swink who was always there to help with tables, chairs, and the sound system.

Get ready for lots of excitement and see what Andrew has up his sleeve! Summer 2010 will be even better so mark your calendars and bring all your friends!

Mary Pat & Bill Monfort
Bingo Co-Chairs

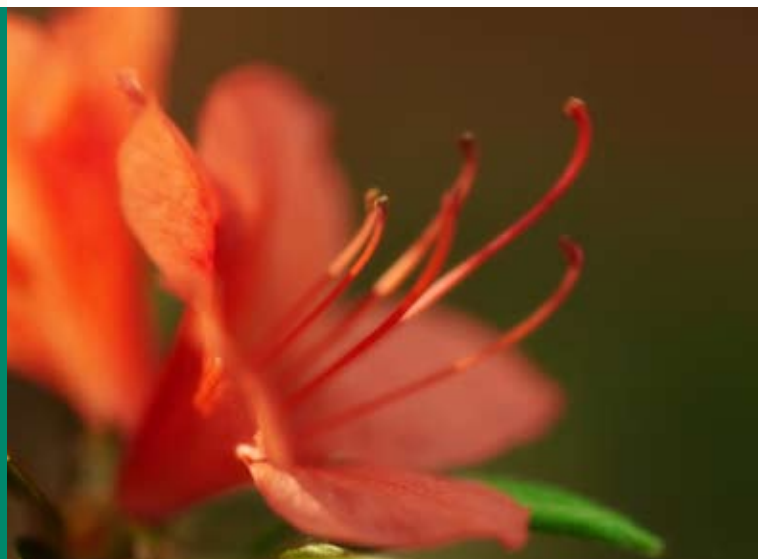
LRA Membership Renewal

Annual LRA membership dues for 2010 are payable by the end of the year. Dues are \$200 if paid by December 31, 2009 and \$250 if paid past that date. Please make your payment as soon as possible to help us minimize the record keeping. Make your check payable to “Lake Rabun Association” and return with your member information update form to P.O. Box 490, Lakemont, Georgia 30552 before year end. Or, you can now also update your member information on-line and pay by credit card. Just go to our web site at www.lakerabun.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for 2010 Tour of Homes

The 2010 Tour of Homes promises to be the most exciting home tour yet! To make this event a success, we need more volunteers and pontoon boats.

If you would like to volunteer your time or boat, please contact Michael McGaughey at 706-982-9030 or mmcgaughey@me.com.



2009 LRA Survey Results Compiled

The LRA Board of Trustees wishes to thank you for the overwhelming participation in this year's survey. The survey was viewed by almost 450 members with a total completion rate of 76%, which is just incredible. In addition, your satisfaction with the survey itself was very high, so the board intends to use your input as a reference tool as we move into the future. Enjoy a few of the statistics garnered from the survey.

The Survey Says....

Who we are:

- Nearly all respondents are over 40 years of age with half being over 60
- 19% are fulltime residents with 24% planning to be in the future
- 29% vote in county and another 28% are willing to vote in Rabun Co.
- 62% either volunteer now or in the past for the LRA
- 47% non-fulltime residents spend more than 30 days a year at the lake

Our most popular current activities are:

- Fireworks
- Tour of Homes
- Boat Parade
- BBQ
- Flea Market

And, the top potential new activities are:

- 1st aid/CPR classes
- Boating Safety
- Movie Night
- Memorial Day Social Event
- Safety and community services
- 95% of us feel Lake Rabun is a safe lake, but most think it could be safer
- 77% feel our \$200 annual dues is the correct amount

For a full report on every question visit our website www.lakerabun.org.

Lakemont University Fall 2009 Report Card

Lakemont University had its most successful academic year ever in 2009. Attendance grew dramatically each month, primarily due to word of mouth from our students. And we have an even more exciting offering this year:

Saturday June 26th "Introduction to Fly Fishing"

Shannon Ward from the Orvis store on Peachtree Rd will show us how to get started fly fishing. He will demonstrate the equipment needed, discuss how to learn good technique, and describe where to fish in the area.

Saturday July 17th "Lakemont History 101"

We are looking for about a dozen volunteers to each share their most interesting recollections of the lake prior to the 1970s, and prior to the rebirth of the LRA. If you remember the '20s, 30's, 40's, 50's, or 60's on the lake, you may have stories of interest to us all. More information about this class and how you can participate will be coming soon.

Saturday August 7th "Wonders of Nature Around Us"

Buz Stone will show us some of the hidden wonders of the plants and animals inhabiting Rabun County. If you enjoyed Dr. Lea Richmond's wonderful talk on snakes this past year you will be fascinated to learn what Buz has to say.

All classes are held at the Pavilion, and begin at our new time of 5:00 (the cocktail hour, appropriately enough). As always, you are encouraged to bring your own wine, beer, cokes, snacks, children, guests and neighbors.

The faculty and staff certainly look forward to seeing you again next summer.

John King - Chancellor
Lakemont University
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Visited our web site www.lakerabun.org lately?

Have you visited the new and improved LRA website?

- * *New Events List and Calendar*
- * *Members' Only Section*

Have you logged into the Members' Only Section?

- * *On-Line Membership Directory*
- * *Update your own family's information at any time*
- * *Bulletin Board – a forum to share thoughts and interest with other Members*
- * *On-Line Dues Payment and Event Registration and Fee Payment*
- * *Change both your user name and password to something you can easily remember*

Do we have your e-mail address(es)?

- * *If you have not received an e-mail from the LRA with instructions on how to log in to the LRA website, we do not have a valid address for you.*
- * *Please send us your preferred e-mail address(es) to admin@lakerabun.org*



Lake Rabun Association

2010 Activities

Sunday, May 30 th	LRA General Membership Meeting
Friday, June 18 th	Annual Lake Clean-Up Day
Friday, June 18 th	Tour of Homes Cocktail Party
Saturday, June 19 th	Tour of Homes
Saturday, June 26 th	Lakemont University @ 5:00 p.m. Bingo @ 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 3 rd	Annual "Rabun Ramble"
Saturday, July 3 rd	BBQ Dinner & Music / Dancing
Sunday, July 4 th	30 th Annual Wooden Boat Parade
Sunday, July 4 th	Fireworks!
Saturday, July 10 th	Art at the Lake Show & Sale — North Georgia Arts Guild
Saturday, July 17 th	Lakemont University @ 5:00p.m. Bingo @ 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 24 th	LRA Beach Music Party
Saturday, August 7 th	Lakemont University @ 5:00p.m. Bingo @ 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 4 th	Labor Day BBQ Dinner & Dance
Sunday, September 5 th	LRA General Membership Meeting
Friday, November 26 th	Day after Thanksgiving "Pot Luck" Dinner
TBD	Tenth Annual Rabun, Burton, Seed Golf Challenge
TBD	Tiger Mountain Wine Tasting to benefit Lake Rabun Foundation
TBD	LRA Golf Tournament to benefit Lake Rabun Foundation



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